

THE CHURCHES AND TODAY'S SERVICES

Reading God's Word

Sermon by
REV. FLOYD W. TOMKINS.

Text: Acts viii. 26-39; Psal. xli. 1-11.

After we have begun the Christian life we must continue it, and for this we need strength and wisdom. Hence God has given us the Bible, a book which is under His guidance, and full of help and comfort. We in this day and generation are highly privileged in having free access to the Bible. Each one can have a Bible of his own and read it. In his education and his possession we are granted privileges not always or everywhere enjoyed. Until printing was invented, copies of the Bible were scarce, and only in the hands of the few. Now, however, that all could learn to read. Indeed in many parts of the world and even the United States there are people who cannot read. We are trying to teach them by starting schools in heathen lands and by making school attendance compulsory at home. We are also translating the Bible into various languages. In the United States and in England are sending out millions of copies yearly in more than 250 languages. And since the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, wherever it goes it carries the message of God's love in Jesus Christ. David wrote of that part of the Bible which he had—only a small part of the Old Testament—and evidently counted it the most precious thing in the world. Note the names given in these five verses of our lesson: Law, Testimony, Statutes, Commandment, Judgment. If he found all these in the book of Moses, how easily can we find them in the whole Bible, and especially in the word of Christ. And the Ethiopian, who had gotten hold of a copy of the Old Testament and was reading it, easily saw his need of a Savior and accepted Jesus when Philip preached concerning Him. The Bible may well go before conversion and prepare the way for Christ. It must come after, and afterward feed the soul with divine life.

LOCAL CHURCH NOTICES

METHODIST.

St. James—The pastor, Rev. W. T. A. Hayes, will preach at 11 o'clock. At 8:15 a union service will be conducted in this church and Rev. J. O. Helsabeck, pastor of the Third Christian Church, will preach. Special music by the choir.

EVANGELICAL.

Grace—Preaching at 11 o'clock and at 8:15 by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Unruh.

UNITED METHODIST.

Monument—The pastor, Rev. J. H. Lambeth, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock. In the evening at 8:15 the congregation will unite in union services at Hanover Avenue Christian Church.

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HOPE FOR NEWSPRINT

Paper famine may be brought to an end by utilizing sawdust.

News that is of especial interest to newspaper men and others who have to use much white paper comes from London. Since the beginning of the paper famine in this country there has been much talk of making "newsprint" of sawdust, but nothing has ever come of it.

The London Times of recent date says:

"Sawdust is a by-product produced in Britain. It takes the place of wood pulp, the importation of which is greatly reduced owing to government restriction. Sawdust paper is manufactured by the Donside Paper Mills, Aberdeen, where experiments have been in progress for a considerable time, and are still being carried on in the hope of effecting further improvements."

The importance of the new process to the newspaper business cannot be overestimated. Successful newsprint paper, if entirely successful, means alleviation of threatened famine. The war, as is generally known, has forced newsprint paper to new high rates, and actually has resulted in scores of small newspapers being forced out of business, either because of inability to

buy enough paper for their needs or inability to pay the prices demanded by paper makers.

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BAPTISTS INDOOR WAR

Leigh Street—Rev. J. W. Wicker, D. D., the pastor, will preach at 11 o'clock and Dr. Douglas S. Freeman at 8:15.

AIMS OF UNITED STATES

First—Preaching at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. F. T. McFadden, D.D. Union service at Monroe Park at 8:15.

Second—Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., the pastor, will preach at 11 o'clock. Union services at 8:15 in Monroe Park.

Third—The pastor, Rev. James O. Helsabeck, will preach at 11 o'clock.

Coverdale Avenue—In the absence of the pastor, Rev. John A. Tate, Professor G. P. Richardson will preach at the morning service, and Jacob Umlauf at the evening service. Rev. Mr. Tate is conducting a series of meetings at Oakland Church, Lunenburg County.

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